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Mr. William E. Colby, Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C.

Dear Bill:

This letter is about a working program concerning the
problem of Alcoholism.

Wherever there are people, the problem exists. Most
often with key personnel. I know because I've made a
study of the addiction and I am an alcoholic.

Bill, I'n now in my 16th consecutive year of sobriety.
I'm dedicated to working in the field of alcoholism and
with other "people problem programs". For example the
enclosed primer, which I published, entitled: " A Couple
Of Drinks never hurt anyone but". Its mission is to help
one who may suspect a problem, to identify it. The primer
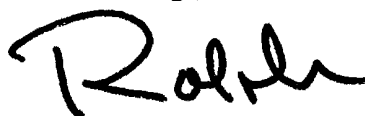explains and directs one to where in-depth help is available.

Statistics prove that the layman alcoholic, who has arrested
his problem, has had the most success in working with the
suffering problem drinker. And that is why I write you now
concerning the subject.

Is there a chance that you might use me in the firm? If one
is needed, I can either organize a program or work within the
framework of any existing one.

Whether or not there is any interest in the alcoholism program,
might there be an opportunity to meet and say hello?

Trust you and your family are healthy and happy.

Sincerely,

Ralph N. Elsmo

P.S. Spent a day
with Rogers recently.
He is in Excellent
health and lost on such
with the spoken word.

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Remarks: This is an old OSS friend from World War II (or was it I?) — Could you draft the official part of the reply + I'll add some personal aspects —

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